IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re Application of:

Salman Akram

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For: METALLIZATION STRUCTURES FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE INTERCONNECTS, METHODS FOR MAKING SAME, AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

INCLUDING SAME

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the claims on the merits in the above-referenced application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2, line 18, insert -- and -- after "features";

On page 4, line 3, delete the comma after "resistivity" and insert commas after "and" and "therefore";

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